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What is everybody's business is nobody's. Do not let this idea prevail when it comes time to attend the mass meeting here Saturday night.

A little child near The Dalles died from the effect of eating apples that had been sprayed. It will require great care on the part of parents to prevent similar occurrences at this season of the year.

No; there is to be no promotion fee paid for floating the irrigation bonds. Come out Saturday night and hear the entire proposition discussed.

The Journal says, "It is not true that democrats voted for Cake at the primaries last spring." Either Brother Jackson is a fool or very obtuse.

Two years more or possibly a little less, Union county can look every man in the face with the proud assurance that she does not owe a dollar.

It begins to look as though La Grande would soon become a mining center. Already a sufficient number of prospects have been discovered to cause a mining stampede.

FAVORS SAVING BANKS. "Fifty-eight per cent of the money in circulation in this country is unac-

counted for by the banks, clearing houses and other depositories, and over \$8,000,000 was invested last year in money orders of small amounts by people who had them made payable to themselves.

GREAT MASS MEETING ON IRRIGATION

Attend the mass meeting to be held in this city Saturday evening for the purpose of hearing the originators of the irrigation project explain the proposed plan.

In the first place, disabuse your mind that there is going to be a dollar of profit to any one but those who have land.

Again, it will be explained that the actual cost at this time cannot be definitely fixed for various reasons.

Again, the engineer whose report is the present basis of calculation, states that the proposed reservoir will hold 35,000 acre-feet of water after allowing the usual amount for evaporation.

When David Eccles looked over the report, and owing to his personal knowledge of such work, for he is president of the Utah Construction company, he was of the opinion that the dam and lateral ditches could be constructed for less money than stated in the estimates.

Now, when the 20,000 acres have been provided with water, and there yet remains a sufficient quantity to cover from 5000 to 7000 acres more, this will be done, and the subscribers will receive a rebate, or dividend, to this excess amount covered.

There is no question but at this time a great many people are doing no little thinking relative to this irrigation project, but few are saying anything.

Several months ago Messrs. Walter M. Pierce, George B. Stoddard and F. S. Bramwell expended between \$5000 and \$6000 in securing the site for the proposed dam and reservoir.

Come out Saturday evening and Messrs. Stoddard, Bramwell and Pierce will be present and address the meeting and they will tell you what valuable rights they possess and how feasible the entire project is and how much the entire valley will be benefited.

This is a mighty big project and the securing of 20,000 acres is no small undertaking. It is going to necessitate a campaign of education.

This proposed mass meeting is solely for the purpose to gather together the farmers and business men, to become acquainted with the undertaking so that they may not only know themselves, but can explain it to others.

It will be undoubtedly shown at this mass meeting that this is the cheapest

project ever attempted in either Idaho, Washington, California or Oregon. A number of these projects cost as high as \$50 and \$65 per acre to get water, but even at these prices it is considered the very best possible investment.

Mr. Eccles is confident that the entire cost will not exceed \$20 per acre, and he really believes it will fall below this amount.

One thing is assured from the beginning, and that is, whatever the cost is, that will be the price the contractor will be called upon to pay.

COMPLIMENTS OFFICE ACCOUNTS

Itemized statements marked schedules C, G, R and S, of my examination of the accounts and records of the various county officials of Union county, Oregon, for the period beginning July 3, 1906, and ending June 30, 1908, which shows all money received by the mto have been properly accounted for, except as therein shown.

While the clerk's books showing the county treasurer's account agreed with the treasurer's books as to the total, there was a difference as to the various funds, and it was necessary for me to investigate several of these funds back to July 1, 1902, at which time Clark and Buchanan, expert accountants, made their report.

THE COUNTY DEBT.

In the matter of recommendations in the different offices, I would suggest that all tax rolls now in the clerk's office be turned over to the sheriff, as the law provides that the sheriff shall be the tax collector of the county (see section 3094, Bellinger & Cotton's code), which says: "All such tax rolls shall be public records, and as such preserved in the office of the tax collector."

I also recommend the adoption of the system now in vogue in Baker county, for the issuing of tax notices and receipts, and know that it will greatly facilitate the work in the tax department of the sheriff's office, and will be much more satisfactory to the taxpayers than the present system.

I also recommend the adoption and use of requisitions, and herewith submit a blank form. Each official to be furnished with these forms, and whenever any supplies are needed one of the forms to be filled out, signed, and submitted to the county judge for his approval of rejection.

Would also suggest doing away with the printed form books in the recorder's office. These books cost about one-third more than the ordinary blank book, and also about one-third of the space is not utilized, thereby making them very expensive books for the county to use.

In conclusion I will say that I have found the accounts and records in the various offices kept in a neat and systematic manner and the officers courteous, and while some minor errors

and discrepancies have been found, nothing has appeared to indicate any intention to mislead or defraud on the part of any of the officials.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. MIMNAUGH, Auditor.

Recommendations.

Referring to the new system of issuing notices and receipts in the sheriff's office, the same as they have in Baker county. Under the present system notices are sent out by the sheriff on cards, notifying taxpayers of the total amount of their taxes, but giving no description of the property on which payment is to be made, and the taxpayers have no idea of the

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Mrs. Patch of Galesburg, Ill., 80 years old, sister-in-law of Dan Patch, after whom the celebrated racing horse was named, is visiting at Forest Grove.

Yesterday's Baseball Scores. Portland, 7; Oakland, 6. Los Angeles, 5; San Francisco, 6.

Call for Bids.

Notice is hereby given that the county court of Union county, Oregon, will receive sealed bids for the construction of a wooden bridge over the main channel of Catherine Creek on Main street, in the city of Union, Union county, Oregon, said bridge to be constructed in compliance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the county clerk of said county, at La Grande, Oregon.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Ore., August 10, 1908. Notice is hereby given that DAVID W. HUG, of Elgin, Union county, Ore., who, on August 10, 1905, made timber land application No. 0559, for 8 1/2 SW 1/4, section 5, N 1/2 NW 1/4, section 8, township 2 south, range 35, E. W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final timber proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver of the U. S. land office, at La Grande, Oregon, on the 28th day of October, 1908.

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